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Prior Application:

Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: J.S. Parkin

SIR: This is a request for filing a

Continuation  Divisional Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 08/471,474 filed June 6, 1995, allowed, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/154,397, filed November 18, 1993, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/988,530, filed December 10, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation application of Serial No. 07/656,797, filed February 19, 1991, now abandoned, which is a division of application Serial No. 07/038,330, filed April 13, 1987, now U.S. Patent 5,030,714, based on application No. 8640138.0, filed on June 23, 1986 in France, all of which are incorporated herein by reference, of inventors

Marc ALIZON et al. for VARIANT OF LAV VIRUSES

[Title of Invention]

1.  Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No. 07/038,330 as originally filed on April 13, 1987.
2.  Enclosed is a substitute specification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.125.
3.  Cancel Claims 7-21.
4.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5.  The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 3 and 4 above.

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6.  A check in the amount of \$ 790.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

7.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

8.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:

--This is a  continuation of application Serial No. 08/471,474, filed June 6, 1995, allowed, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/154,397, filed November 18, 1993, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 07/988,530, filed December 10, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation application of Serial No. 07/656,797, filed February 19, 1991, now abandoned, which is a division of application Serial No. 07/038,330, filed April 13, 1987, now U.S. Patent 5,030,714, based on application No. 8640138.0, filed on June 23, 1986 in France, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

9.  New formal drawings are enclosed.

10.  The prior application is assigned of record to: Institut Pasteur, Paris, France.

11.  Priority of application Serial No. 86401380.0, filed on June 23, 1986 in France (country) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. A certified copy

is enclosed or  is on file in the prior application.

12.  A verified statement claiming small entity status  
 is enclosed or  is on file in the prior application.

13.  The power of attorney in the prior application is to at least one of the following: FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P., Douglas B. Henderson, Reg. No. 20,291; Ford F. Farabow, Jr., Reg. No. 20,630; Arthur S. Garrett, Reg. No. 20,338; Donald R. Dunner, Reg. No. 19,073; Brian G. Brunsvold, Reg. No. 22,593; Tipton D. Jennings, IV, Reg. No. 20,645; Jerry D. Voight, Reg. No. 23,020; Laurence R. Hefter, Reg. No. 20,827; Kenneth E. Payne, Reg. No. 23,098; Herbert H. Mintz, Reg. No. 26,691; C. Larry O'Rourke, Reg. No. 26,014; Albert J. Santorelli, Reg. No. 22,610; Michael C. Elmer, Reg. No. 25,857; Richard H. Smith, Reg. No. 20,609; Stephen L. Peterson, Reg. No. 26,325; John M. Romary, Reg. No. 26,331; Bruce C. Zotter, Reg. No. 27,680; Dennis P. O'Reilley, Reg. No. 27,932; Allen M. Sokal, Reg. No. 26,695; Robert D. Bajefsky, Reg. No. 25,387; Richard L. Stroup, Reg. No. 28,478; David W. Hill, Reg. No. 28,220; Thomas L. Irving, Reg. No. 28,619; Charles E. Lipsey, Reg. No. 28,165; Thomas W. Winland, Reg. No. 27,605; Basil J. Lewis, Reg. No. 28,818; Martin I. Fuchs, Reg. No. 28,508; E. Robert Yoches, Reg. No. 30,120; Barry W. Graham, Reg. No. 29,924; Susan Haberman Griffen, Reg. No. 30,907; Richard B. Racine, Reg. No. 30,415; Thomas H. Jenkins, Reg. No. 30,857; Robert E. Converse, Jr., Reg. No. 27,432; Clair X. Mullen, Jr., Reg. No. 20,348; Christopher P. Foley, Reg. No. 31,354; John C. Paul, Reg. No. 30,413; David M. Kelly, Reg. No. 30,953; Kenneth J. Meyers, Reg. No. 25,146; Carol P. Einaudi, Reg. No. 32,220; Walter Y. Boyd, Jr., Reg. No. 31,738; Steven M. Anzalone, Reg. No. 32,095; Jean B. Fordis, Reg. No. 32,984; Barbara C. McCurdy, Reg. No. 32,120; James K. Hammond, Reg. No. 31,964; Richard V. Burgujian, Reg. No. 31,744; J. Michael Jakes, Reg. No. 32,824; Dirk D. Thomas, Reg. No. 32,600; Thomas W. Banks, Reg. No. 32,719; Christopher P. Isaac, Reg. No. 32,616; Bryan C. Diner, Reg. No. 32,409; M. Paul Barker, Reg. No. 32,013; Andrew Chanho Sonu, Reg. No. 33,457; David S. Forman, Reg. No. 33,694; Vincent P. Kovalick, Reg. No. 32,867; James W. Edmondson, Reg. No. 33,871; Michael R. McGurk, Reg. No. 32,045; Joann M. Neth, Reg. No. 36,363; Gerson S. Panitch, Reg. No. 33,751; Cheri M. Taylor, Reg. No. 33,216; Charles E. Van Horn, Reg. No. 40,266; and Linda A. Wadler, Reg. No. 33,218.

14.  The power appears in the original declaration of the prior application.

15.  Since the power does not appear in the original declaration, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

16.  Please address all correspondence to FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT and DUNNER, L.L.P., 1300 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005-3315.

17.  Recognize as associate attorney \_\_\_\_\_  
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18.  Also enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION.** If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application, Serial No. 08/471,474, filed June 6, 1995, for the purpose of maintaining copendency between the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

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